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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of April 7, 2003, a response being due with a Request for Continued Examination by July 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment A: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 7 - 10 and substitute Claims 11 - 14 therefor as follows:

11. (Replacing previous Claim 7) A covering apparatus for a can comprising:

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a can cover having an upper surface, said can cover having wrinkles formed therein so as to extend thereacross and in generally parallel relationship to each other so as to prevent upward swelling of said can cover by an expansion of contents from the can, said can cover having an outer rim extending upwardly from said upper surface; and

a stay-on tab attached to said upper surface by a support extending upwardly from said can cover, said can cover having a scoring means formed under one end of said stay-on tab, said scoring means for rupturing upon compressive contact by said one end of said stay-on tab,